

brought whole cartels of drug dealers down in his work, and he was dedicated. Every day he worked the longest hours, did the best job, and as Louis Freeh said, the FBI Director who came to his funeral in Montgomery County, PA, this week, he said this was a fallen hero, a man who is a role model for all FBI agents. He was the first FBI agent to be killed from the Philadelphia area in the history of the department. He is someone who is a great loss because he was a wonderful father, a loving husband, and a great community leader, and he epitomizes for me what is great about America.

The war against drugs will go on, and there will be awards named in his honor because as an American hero, I salute him, this Congress salutes him, and a grateful Nation says we will keep the fight up, we will prevail, because of the agents like Chuck Reed, who really make a difference and their lives have meant so much to so many. God bless you, Chuck Reed.

A TRIBUTE TO PFC. FLOYD E. BRIGHT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Texas [Ms. JACKSON-LEE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I want to reach out today to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bright of my community in Houston, TX, and speak to them on behalf of this Nation and this Congress to acknowledge that along with the entire Houston community this Nation is saddened and diminished by the loss of one of our finest young citizens, Pfc. Floyd E. Bright, who lost his life in the service of his country on March 22, 1996, while on duty in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In behalf of myself, my congressional colleagues, and fellow Houstonians, I would like to express our heartfelt condolences and sympathy for the family of Private Bright and to say to them that we share their loss.

Neither his country nor the community will ever forget Private Bright's sacrifice, and we hold his memory in the highest honor.

We also honor and hold in the same high esteem the supreme sacrifice that has been made by his family. We share their grief and feel deeply what it means to lose a child, a shining light gone out far too soon. Private Bright was a graduate of Lamar High School in Houston and attended San Jacinto Community College. All who knew him would acknowledge him as a person of extreme curiosity, friendliness, and a willingness to serve. How lucky we are as Americans that we have the kinds of young people that will go forth and serve their country.

It reminds us of the very special and solemn responsibility of this Government, this President, this U.S. Congress to ensure in all times that we stand for what is right in this world, that we respect the fact that we must

respect and love our young men and women and acknowledge that anytime that we can assist them in staying away from harm's way, we should take up the charge.

To the family of Private Bright, let me again say we honor you and respect you and love you, and we shall remain forever proud of him and so shall his country which he served so very well.

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THE MICHAEL NEW CASE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, the gentleman from Maryland [Mr. BARTLETT] is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, we want to spend a few minutes this afternoon looking at the very special case of Specialist Michael New. His name is out to a number of our people, but some may not be familiar with this case and the issues involved here.

Michael New is the son of missionary parents. He was home schooled. He volunteered for the military. He was stationed in Germany. The group he was with was being moved to Macedonia. As a part of that move, they were told that they had to wear the insignia of the United Nations.

Specialist New took the position that the oath he took when he entered the military was to defend and protect the Constitution of the United States; that he had not taken an oath to defend and protect the charter of the United Nations.

Now, in the helicopter accident over Iraq, when several of our military personnel were killed, the Vice President, AL GORE, went to their parents and told them they should be proud of their sons who died as U.N. soldiers. Specialist New had the conviction that if he were to wear the insignia of the United Nations, that he would become, as the Vice President indicated, he would become a U.N. soldier, and he thought that this was a violation of the oath he

took to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

He would gladly have gone to Macedonia as a U.S. soldier assisting in a U.N. operation. Our military personnel did that by the thousands in Korea. We were there and lost many lives over a number of years, but not one of our soldiers there was a U.N. soldier. They were all U.S. soldiers.

What Specialist New was asked to do was something he felt was very different than this. He felt that he was being required to change his allegiance to the Constitution of the United States to the charter of the United Nations, and he was not willing to do this.

He was told in his training that he was not to obey an unlawful order. Let me read to you from the 1990 Army field manual. U.S. soldiers are instructed that, quoting from the manual,

Moral courage is as important as physical courage. Do not ease the way for others to do wrong. Stand up for your beliefs and what you know is right. Do not compromise your professional ethics or your individual values and moral principles. If you believe you are right after sober and considered judgment hold your position.

This is precisely what Specialist New did. He had no problem in going to Macedonia. He would have willingly gone. As a matter of fact, he is a decorated soldier, once for saving the life of a comrade, and a second time for saving the eyesight of a comrade. So he was not trying to avoid a dangerous situation.

His concern was the concern of conscience, that he could not in good conscience transfer his allegiance from the Constitution of the United States to the charter of the United Nations. He was court-martialed for this, and it is now under review within the military, but he was court-martialed, and he is to be given a bad conduct discharge.

I have some charts here that will help us to understand how we got where we are. Let me put the first one up.

As you can see in this chart, this defines the relationship between the U.N. charter and the law that regulates or controls how we relate to the United Nations. This is the United Nations Participation Act of 1945.

In the U.N. charter, there are two chapters of relevance here. The first of those chapters is chapter 6. Chapter 6 relates to peace observations. It defines the role of the United Nations in peace observations. Chapter 7 defines the role of the United Nations in peace enforcement. There are significant differences between peace observation and peace enforcement.

Now, the United Nations Participation Act of 1995 is the law which determines how we as a country relate ourselves to these two chapters of the United Nations. Interestingly, the two sections of this law, the Participation Act, are section 6 and section 7. But as you can see from the chart here, section 6 relates to chapter 7, which is